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SHOT IN THE BACK.

One Miner Kills Another at Captain on Christmas Day.

News has been received here that a brutal murder was committed at Captain on Christmas day. At about noon D. Blackman, a miner employed at the Fuel company's mines, was shot twice in the back and instantly killed by a man named Rivers, also a miner employed at the same place. Details of the affair are somewhat meager, and in case for the act can be learned or anything as to how the quarrel arose.

The greatest indignation prevails at Captain and threats of lynching Rivers were freely made, but so far as can be learned no actual violence has yet been attempted. It is supposed that he has been taken to the county jail and held for the action of the district court.

Blackman had been employed at the mines for some little time and was well liked by his companions. Rivers, on the other hand, came from Alabama but a few weeks ago to work for the company, and during that time had succeeded in making himself generally disliked and won the name of being a very quarrelsome and disagreeable bully.

Dolls: Dolls: Dolls:
—W. E. Warren & Co. have received and are displaying the largest and most complete stock of dolls ever shown in Alamogordo. There are dolls of all sizes and varieties. Public inspection is invited. Bring the little ones to see them.

Resolutions.
Whereas, The Supreme Architect of the Universe in His inscrutable wisdom has taken from these senses Alma, the youngest child of Brother Robert White, our worthy worshipful master.

We, the members of Sacramento Lodge, U. D. A., F. & A. M., do most sincerely resolve:

1. That we accord our brother and family our most tender sympathy, remembering, on the one hand, the frailty of all words human in such afflictions. Yet not forgetting, on the other hand, to invoke upon them the aid and comfort of Him in whom our faith is well founded and trust is fixed.

2. Again, be it, resolved:
That these resolutions be sent to our brother and family and a copy printed in the public press and another copy be preserved in the archives of our lodge.

Adopted at regular meeting of the lodge held December 20, 1900, by standing vote.

Approved: J. A. Welch, Secretary.
COLONEL LEWIS, Senior Warden.

TO THE DEAD
A rich lady cured of her deafness and Notes in the hand by Dr. Nicholson's Artificial Ear Broom, gave \$10,000 to his institute, so that deaf people unable to procure the Ear Broom may have them from. Address: No. 6480-C, The Nicholson Institute, 780 Eighth Ave., New York

LAST OF THE CENTURY.

Entertainment to Be Given at Armory Hall New Year's Eve.

The Watch Meeting and Entertainment to be given the night of the 31st for the benefit of the National Red Cross society promises to be one of the most successful affairs of the kind ever given in Alamogordo. An elaborate program, including the best talent in the community, has been prepared, and there is no doubt but what the audience will concede that it has its money's worth when the performance is concluded.

The Alamogordo Militia company is working with a will for the success of the affair, and the fact that a gold medal is to be presented to the best drilled soldier in the company that evening has added zest to their efforts, for each recruit is confident of winning it and will do his best.

A large number of tickets have been sold, and it is apparent that the armory will be packed to its utmost capacity and that even standing room will be at a premium. The tickets are selling at 50 cents and the entertainment will begin promptly at 8 o'clock.

Following is the program prepared:

PROGRAMME.

FIRST PART.

1. Piano Solo..... Mrs. W. D. Warnock
2. Song..... Miss Anna Woods
3. Instrumental Trio (Two Mandolins and Guitar)..... National Air
4. Comedy..... "City Ways"..... Messrs. Rhombert, Boyce and Thomas.
5. Song..... Mrs. Harter, Miss Anderson, Mr. Welch and others.
6. Recitation..... Miss Norma Ackley
7. Song and Chorus..... National Air
8. Play—"Drifted Apart"..... Mrs. Hawkins, Messrs. Greig, Harmon, Welch, Sr., Good, Welch, Jr., Manning, Pierce and Hathaway.
9. Bayonet Drill..... Crack Squad
10. Recitation..... Miss Emma Ackley, Pelphrey and Privates Reinke, Raborn, Kelley and Hathaway.

Intermission of Ten Minutes.

SECOND PART.

1. Piano Solo..... Miss Lulu Hickman
2. Recitation..... Wm. Polphrey
3. Song..... Mrs. Lucius Welch
4. Play—"Drifted Apart"..... Mrs. R. S. Harmon and A. S. Greig.
5. Song..... (Mrs. W. A. Hawk)
6. Tableau..... Red Cross
7. Competitive Drill for Gold Medal..... Lafayette Emmett Guard

Watch the Old Century Out and the New Century In.

Reserved seats 25 cents. On sale at Wolfinger's and Blomberg's.

Food Changed to Poison.

Putrefying food in the intestines produces effects like those of arsenic, but Dr. King's New Life Pills expel the poisons from clogged bowels, gently, easily but surely, curing Constipation, Biliousness, Sick Headache, Fevers, all Liver, Kidney and Bowel troubles. Only 25c at W. E. Warren & Co.'s.

PUMPING WATER ON PLAINS.

Shallow Wells and the Pumping System Will Prove Successful Here.

RECLAMATION OF THE ARID LANDS.

What Can Be Done with Wells Ranging From Fifty to Two Hundred Feet in Depth—A Feasible Plan.

Messrs. A. J. King and Carl Ruben of the Alamogordo Improvement company have been looking up the irrigation problem by pumping from shallow wells and the adaptability of the plan for this region, and are of the opinion that it will prove a very successful and cheap method of transferring the arid plains lands into garden spots and vineyards.

The method which they have been investigating has met with signal success in California, and with the immense volume of water which underlies this region, and the proximity to the surface, there is no doubt but what the plan, if carried out, will prove the saving clause of the agricultural development of the county.

In California almost every kind of pumps and engines are employed in raising water to the surface, but in sections where water is close to the surface and where it is found in large quantities, gasoline engines and centrifugal pumps are the most extensively used. In places where the water is deeper and not so plentiful, triplex pumps and air pressure plants are in operation.

The cheapest water obtainable is where the water does not have to be pumped more than twenty feet, and then the gasoline engine and centrifugal pumps will raise water at an expense of one-half cent per 1,000 gallons. It is estimated that a plant for such a water supply, consisting of a ten-horse power engine and a four inch pump, will raise 36,000 gallons of water per hour. The plant requires practically no attention other than filling oil cups twice per day. The cost of the pumps range from \$160 to \$350, according to horse power and pumping capacity.

In this region, where the soil is partially adobe, a very small stream of water will run a long distance and will irrigate a great number of acres. A constant flow of one inch of water will successfully irrigate about ten acres of ground.

A well giving 30,000 gallons of water per hour, such as mentioned in the preceding paragraph, will irrigate nearly 300 acres of land. This figure is based on fruit lands. For raising vegetables about double the amount of water is required.

For wells of from twenty to fifty feet depth it is customary to place the centrifugal pump in the well so that the suction will not be more than twenty feet. For wells requiring more than fifty feet lift to the water the single cylinder, double-acting triplex pumps and the air lift are the favorites.

In a country such as this, where water is king, and where the basic industry depends entirely on irrigation, upping and elevating the underflow to the surface is the only feasible method of operating. The available water supply from flowing streams has long since been exhausted, and the extension of fruit culture forces the necessity of adopting artificial methods for procuring water.

The artesian well feature of irrigation is expensive and uncertain, for the wells often stop flowing and are beyond the reach of the farmer and fruit grower with limited means. Irrigation farming is a science and not a chance, and those who understand it and who have sufficient means to provide a pumping outfit can be successful here beyond the dreams of avarice. It is possible to supply water by the pumping process at the same rate now required to keep up a community ditch. Pumps are manufactured to fit all sized wells and of any desired capacity, and the farmer and fruit grower can easily adapt his needs to his finances and secure enough water to successfully operate a few acres at the start and gradually increase.

Wells in California ranging from 100 to 250 feet in depth, and from seven to ten inches in diameter, will irrigate all the fruit land that one man can attend to. It is not uncommon in that country to find wells discharging from 1,000 to 1,350 gallons of water per minute raised from a depth of 150 to 200 feet. Pumping water for irrigation is used there for all manner of farming as well as fruit growing.

That an unlimited quantity of water underlies the plains around Alamogordo is conceded by all beyond the question of doubt. And that it can be raised to the surface profitably by the pumping system will be demonstrated conclusively within the next year. The possibilities of the system are beyond computation, and with each man his own rain maker and with an excellent market at home there is no reason why Alamogordo should not some day become the center

of one of the most prosperous agricultural regions in the United States.

In all probability a company will be formed this year to utilize the water in one of the numerous lakes dotting the plains for distribution on the arid lands. These lakes are fed from the everlasting springs and snow banks of the Sacramento mountains and the supply of water in them never diminishes. A perfectly feasible plan would be to construct a pipe line ten or more miles long and place a pump in the pipe line at each interval of two miles. Such a distribution of pumps will answer for a raise of water to 1,000 feet, or 200 feet for each pump, and the line could be constructed in such a manner that it would serve to irrigate every quarter section of land within a radius of twenty miles.

PROMINENT PERSONS PARAGRAPHERD.

S. S. Hopper came down from Cloudcroft Sunday.

F. R. Stuart was an El Paso visitor during the week.

A. D. Crum and wife were Pass City visitors this week.

E. O. Reed of Toledo, Ohio, is visiting friends in the city.

J. A. Eddy has returned to El Paso from a trip to Mexico.

Attorney E. E. Neal made a visit to Tularosa during the week.

Col. Patrick Coghlan of Tularosa was a visitor in town this week.

F. W. Pelman and wife of Tularosa spent Christmas in El Paso.

Dr. C. H. Waldschmidt made a business trip to Tularosa this week.

W. J. Trammell, an El Paso business man, was a visitor in Alamogordo this week.

Capt. Miller of the Mesquero agency was an Alamogordo visitor during the week.

Charles Roberts, Bowman Phillips and Frank Lynch spent Christmas in El Paso.

Mrs. L. E. Gillette returned Monday from an extended visit to East Texas points.

Judge Davenport returned from Captain to spend Christmas with his family at Tularosa.

M. E. Smith, a Denver mining expert, is in the county looking over the mineral resources.

J. M. Betts, superintendent of the Good Fortune Mining company, was in town during the week.

L. E. Lambley has returned to Tularosa from a trip to Alabama, where he sold a car load of horses.

Mrs. Lucius S. Welch arrived in Alamogordo Monday to spend a month in the city with her husband.

President C. B. Eddy of the White Oaks route returned to El Paso Sunday from a two months' trip through the East.

James E. Jenkins of Washington, D. C., special Indian agent, has returned to El Paso after a visit to the Mesquero agency.

W. D. Dilton, who has been seriously ill at his home in Tularosa, is reported much better and will soon be able to be out again.

Hon. W. H. Slaughter is home from a trip to Las Cruces, where he appeared in the Lewellyn-Slaughter election contest case.

F. M. Bowman H. J. Fernandez, two handsome attaches of the White Oaks route, left Saturday for Fort Worth to spend Christmas with friends.

The daughters of Agent Palmer of the E. P. & N. E. at Tularosa have returned from Las Cruces, where they were at school, and will spend the holidays at home.

J. M. Foster, who talks himself hoarse extolling the merits of Cudaly's "Diamond C" soap, registered at the Hotel Alamogordo from South Omaha this week.

A. Hart of St. Louis, and J. Block of Dallas, two commercial tourists, called on local business men during the past week in the interest of their respective houses.

B. O. Reed of Toledo, Ohio, ex-auditor of the Clover Leaf line, spent Christmas in Alamogordo with Auditor Harter of the White Oaks route and associate companies.

Mr. and Mrs. Carah of Los Angeles, Cal., are here looking for a location. They are friends of M. J. Kinnen, who recently visited this section in the interest of a California colony.

A. W. Lentz, section foreman at Tularosa, has left to spend a thirty days vacation with his family at Alpine, Tex. During his absence A. J. Peritt has charge of the section.

Messrs. G. W. Barclay, G. W. Jernigan and J. M. Reno were in town from Weed last Saturday. They report everything doing well, the range good and stock flourishing in their neighborhood.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Thomas of Waterbury, N. Y., arrived in the city Saturday. Mr. Thomas was formerly in the employ of the New York Central and comes here on account of his wife's health. They have taken up their residence in the Aragon house.

DIAMOND FIELD AT CAPTAIN.

Gems Were Discovered By Being Brought from the Ledge to the Surface by Ants.

STAND EVERY CRUDE TEST KNOWN.

A Company Has Been Secretly Prospecting for Some Time—Members Have Faith in Legitimacy of the Find.

A prominent railway official here has received a box of fifty gems closely resembling, and alleged to be, diamonds, found near Captain, the new coal camp on the line of the El Paso & Northeastern Railway, located eighty miles north of this place. The stones were found by J. J. Blow, formerly associated with the De Beers' Consolidated company at Kimberley, South Africa, and a letter from him, accompanying the shipment, states that they are either diamonds or something so closely resembling the gem that they deceive him. They successfully stand every crude test known, and it is the conscientious opinion of those interested in the field that they are real diamonds. The first stones were found on ant hills, where they had been brought up from the ledge to the surface. As soon as examined closely Mr. Blow pronounced them diamonds and immediately arranged to form a company and quietly prospect the ground. The work was carried on as secretly as possible for a month and nothing was known of the enterprise to any one but the members of the company organized for prospecting purposes until the matter was accidentally discovered and investigated by a newspaper man. The gems will be sent away at once for analysis. The formation of the Captain diamond district is identical with that of the Kimberley, South Africa, region, and there is scarcely a doubt but what the find is bona fide. Gardner Williams, manager of the De Beers Consolidated company, has been cabled to come at once and report on the field here and take charge of the operations of the new company. The Linderman coal company owns considerable ground in the diamond belt and it will doubtless arrange to have the holdings thoroughly prospected. Officials of the El Paso & Northeastern railway have formed a company and instructed Mr. Blow to secure for them a tract of land in the belt.

—Guthrie's celebrated candy in boxes, at Warren & Co's.

HAWKINS IS REPRESENTATIVE.

Rock Island Selects Alamogordo for Its New Mexico Headquarters.

The Chicago, Rock Island & El Paso Railroad company has filed articles of incorporation papers in the office of the territorial secretary. The capital is \$2,000,000, of which \$115,000 has been subscribed and \$11,500 paid in. The company's headquarters will be in Chicago; its New Mexico offices will be located at Alamogordo. This company will build a railroad to connect with the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad at a point on the New Mexico border in Union county, and then through San Miguel and Guadalupe counties to a junction at Santa Rosa. The directors to the line are F. E. Hayne, who holds the majority of stock; Robert Mather, J. M. Johnson, S. C. Mathews, W. Hodson, all of Chicago; Charles B. Eddy and W. A. Hawkins, of Alamogordo. W. A. Hawkins is the New Mexico representative.—The Capital.

—Call at Wolfinger's and see the beautiful Pictures, Mirrors, etc., given as premiums, free with each cash purchase, during the holiday season.

Fascinated with Our Governor.

Mrs. A. B. Rench of Santa Fe spent a month in Washington, and while there called on the president. During their conversation Mr. McKinley exhibited quite an accurate knowledge of New Mexico and its people, and stated that he appointed Governor Otero of his own volition and that he was pleased with his choice and hoped that the people of New Mexico felt the same way about it. Mrs. Rench assured the president that the people of the territory were proud of Governor Otero and approved his administration. Mrs. Rench is a Democrat in belief, but says she is not near so strong a one now since she has found out what an affable, kind and courteous man the choice of the Republicans for president is. She told Mr. McKinley that she thought New Mexico was entitled to statehood. The president said he thought so too. He said he was fascinated with Governor Otero and felt that the choice of an overwhelming Republican legislature was an endorsement of his individual choice for governor. Mrs. Rench witnessed the opening of congress from the president's gallery in the senate chamber.—New Mexican.

—Buy fruit trees and ornamentals of the Rosedale Nurseries, Ironbow, Tex.

On Wings of Love.

A romance of real life as strange and full of interest as any fiction can boast has just been happily ended by the marriage of William N. Hightower, a hunter and miner of the White mountain district of New Mexico, and Miss Anna Robinson, one of the fairest daughters of Lincoln county.

Hightower has long been famed throughout the mountain country for his skill as a woodsman. He knew every foot of the country and frequently acted as guide to parties who essayed to climb the precipitous peaks of Sierra Blanca, the loftiest mountain in the southern part of the territory. He was known as brave, determined and the best shot in the county, and also had the reputation of being honest and well intentioned. Altogether, there was no more popular or highly respected young man in the whole mountain region than "Bill" Hightower.

But trouble came. He shot and killed a man who had jumped one of his mining claims. In vain the defense attempted to show that Hightower's life had been threatened, that he slew a fellow being only in self defense. He was found guilty and sentenced to the penitentiary in Santa Fe for a term of fifteen years.

Hightower, accustomed to the freedom of his wooded mountains, did not take kindly to prison life. An irresistible desire to behold once more his fair betrothed took possession of him. He determined to escape. One day while at work with other prisoners in the penitentiary yard he took advantage of a temporary relaxation of the vigilance of the guards to scale the fifteen foot into the street and was running at top speed for the mountains.

Bloodhounds were brought into requisition, a big force of deputies sent out, but Bill Hightower understood well the art of covering his tracks through the forest glades on the mountain side, and he made good his escape. In three days he had traversed the 300 miles that lay between him and his southern mountain home. He was with his loyal sweetheart before the deputies had given up searching for him among the hills of Santa Fe county.

But the fugitive felt ill at ease. He had counted himself justified in shooting a man, but he felt guilty in escaping from prison. Pursuit had long ceased when one day the penitentiary authorities were amazed to see Bill Hightower walk in and ask to be locked up. But the penitentiary did not long hold him. Powerful friends besieged the governor for a pardon. The story of his voluntary return had a good effect and Hightower was made free. The truehearted girl in the mountains of Lincoln county never wavered in her faith or love, and with glad joy gave herself for life into the keeping of the man who had been pronounced by law a criminal.—Rocky Mountain News.

AFFAIRS OF INTEREST HERE AT HOME.

F. B. Stuart still holds the Alamogordo golf championship.

New Year's day being a legal holiday the First National bank will be closed.

Dr. A. P. Morrison of El Paso held services at Grace M. E. church Sunday afternoon and evening.

News comes from Tularosa that a 11-pound boy recently arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robinson of that place.

A new shingle mill has been established in James' canon. The product will be shipped to Cloudcroft and Alamogordo.

Attention is called to the advertisement of the Alamogordo Lumber company in this issue relative to tampering with the electric light wires, etc.

Samuel H. Cooper, aged 47, died at his home in Tularosa December 17, after a short illness. Deceased was born in Tennessee and had resided in Tularosa for the past four years.

If any one exists who does not expect to exercise the prerogative of enjoying the Neitement of the New Year interment at Armory hall he has not risen to explain why he should not be expected.

About 10,000 logs are piled up at the Tio and Lumber company camp near Cloudcroft awaiting shipment to the Alamogordo Lumber company plant at Alamogordo. Fifty men are employed at the camp.

Postmaster Bert Rowland has recommended the establishment of a post office at North Captain to be known as Station A. The post office business at this point has nearly doubled within the past month.

E. J. Dedman modestly proclaims himself the champion prospector and putter of Alamogordo. Jealous golfers assert that his distinction was gained by approaching a table and putting away Christmas grog.

The post office at Fort Stanton will soon be abolished and all mail for that place will be directed to Captain. This arrangement is made at the request of Dr. J. O. Cobb, the surgeon in charge of the U. S. Marine hospital at that place.

Pelphrey & Smith's saw mill, located about seven miles east of Cloudcroft, started operations last week and will continue work steadily in order to have plenty of lumber ready for delivery to Cloudcroft builders next season.

The Alamogordo Improvement company has a fine display of La Luz fruit in its office. The collection includes figs, grapes, apples, plums, apricots, pears, peaches, etc., and will convince the most skeptical that this is the banner fruit growing country of the United States.

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Heavy and Shelf Hardware, Stoves and Tinware, Iron Pipes and Fittings, Valves and Brass Goods
Look over our goods and see how well we can supply all you need in Hardware, Tinware and Stoves from our splendid stock. We handle only the better quality of goods, and our prices are right.
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IT SETTLES ITSELF. ASK YOUR GROCER FOR IT
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Who stood on my toes from Cloudcroft to Alamogordo at the last excursion need not worry. I bought the shoes from R.H. Pierce & Co. and they are not hurt in the least,


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Our pile of
KINDLING WOOD!
At the
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25 cents a load at mill.
75 cents a load delivered
ALAMOGORDO LUMBER COMPANY.
Bargains in
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FOR A LIMITED PERIOD ONLY.
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